



California Schools to Watch Addendum for Award Year 2025

This document serves to address California-specific information.

About California Schools to Watch

The **California Schools to Watch Program** is run by:

Lead Agency: California League of Educators (CLE)

California Program Partner: California Department of Education (CDE)

National Program Partner: National Forum

State Director: Scott Steele, Director, California Schools to Watch

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California Addendum Narrative

1. Briefly describe how the faculty and staff and other stakeholders/educational partners were involved and collaborated in the self-study process.
2. How does the school implement collaborative strategies to analyze data to inform instruction and increase student achievement, with a focus on the unduplicated population? Demonstrate alignment of these strategies with the LCAP.
3. How do the students at the school deepen their sense of self and make personal and community connections that are meaningful and relevant and allow students to become advocates for their own needs and supports. How are resources vetted to ensure equitable representation for historically marginalized populations?

Addendum Action Items

1. Review the appropriate timeline to ensure you can participate fully if designated/redesignated as a School to Watch:

- **New applications and Redesignating Schools to Watch:**

Submission deadline: October 1, 2024, 11:59 PM PT

Application feedback date: November 2024

Site visit window: November 2024 - January 2025 (a site visit scheduled if application is approved by readers)

Other dates:

- February 2025: Designation and redesignation decisions announced by CLE
- March 6-8, 2025: Celebrate California Schools to Watch status in Monterey, CA
- April-June 2025: Hold a California School to Watch Community Celebration at your site
- June 26-28, 2025: Celebrate National School to Watch recognition in Washington, DC

2. Sign, date, and upload:

- Have the Superintendent and Principal sign and date the memorandum on page 4 (digital signatures accepted), and then save as a PDF. For example, "2025CAYourSchoolNameMSAddendum."
- Upload the PDF according to the STW Instructions.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Principal and Superintendent both need to read through and sign the memorandum:

We understand that if our application is approved by readers, the CA-STW committee will conduct a site visit to the school, and we agree to host such a visit. **If we are selected as a California School to Watch following that visit:**

- Visits from other educators and media publicity will result. Our site will gladly serve as mentors and collaborators in a network of middle-level practitioners, share our knowledge and experience with others for a period of three years, and document/share mentorship experiences.
- We will give permission to the National Forum, California League of Educators, and the Schools to Watch program to publish information, images, and video footage (and we will supply these items if asked).
- We recognize that state and national program participation are integral parts of becoming a School to Watch. We will promote the programs on our social media channels and help spread the word to other middle-level educators ([@CalEducators](#) and [@SchoolstoWatch](#)).
- Schools will, from the date of Schools to Watch designation, annually administer the **California Healthy Kids Survey**.

If selected as a School to Watch, we agree to the following responsibilities:

For State Recognition:

- Help support the California Schools to Watch program by purchasing an annual CLE Schools to Watch membership.
- The Superintendent will attend the **California Schools to Watch District Leadership Celebration Day** with at least one School Board Member, in **Monterey, CA, March 6, 2025**.
- The Principal and three team members will attend the **CLE 2025 Annual Conference in Monterey, CA, March 7-8, 2025** to receive California Schools to Watch school-level recognition.
- **New STW applicants only:** The team attending the **CLE 2025 Annual Conference** will present a workshop session, please begin crafting your session soon.
- Hold a California **Schools to Watch Community Celebration** event, March-June, 2025.

Memorandum of Understanding continued

For National Recognition:

- At least one team member will attend the **National Schools to Watch Conference, Washington, DC, June 26-28, 2025** for National Schools to Watch recognition.

For the Two Years Between Designations:

- At a minimum, the Principal will attend the **CLE Annual Conference in Monterey, CA** and the National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, DC annually to continue to learn, engage, and share as a proactive member of the Schools to Watch national network.
- We encourage you to bring at least one other team member with you to these two events to help support the program and sustain your site's momentum for continuous improvement through the Schools to Watch program.

Additionally

- The Principal will serve as a member of the **California Schools to Watch State Committee** for three years (activities include reading applications, visiting potential CA-STW sites, coaching future applicants, etc.).
- **The school and district agree to notify the California Schools to Watch Director if there is a change of Principal leadership at the earliest opportunity.** If for some reason STW participation is no longer desired, a letter will be provided to the state director signed by the Superintendent and a School Board representative requesting withdrawal from the program.
- We certify that the school is not currently being monitored for improvement by the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights does not have outstanding findings of civil rights statute violations by the school or district, and there are no pending Department of Justice lawsuits against the district.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH APPLICATION ADDENDUM

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Name: _____

District Name: _____